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SPECIAL MEETING
Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
7:00pm
PROBATE CONFERENCE ROOM
Vernon Town Hall, 1st Floor, 14 Park Place

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APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members Jim Simon and Richard Clark.

Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez

Recording secretary: Audrey Lanz

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of minutes of January 25, 2016 meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes of January 25 was made by Chairman Ryan Goad and seconded by Commissioner Richard Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Communications Received

- 2016 CT Land Conservation Conference March 19th at 8am.
- Aquarion Water nomination kit - commission will review at the March meeting.
- Chairman Ryan Goad read into record a policy on the filming of Town Meetings. Chairman Ryan Goad made a motion to accept the policy. Commissioner Richard Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed.

C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

None

D. Organizational considerations

None

3. Open Space Program Update

Nothing new to report

4. New Business

A. Application Review and Comments

Application (PZ-2016-01) of Talbott Partners, LLC for a site plan / special permit to construct a multi-family housing facility / commercial project at #241 & #253 Talcottville Road (Assessor's ID: Map #10, Block #0004, Lot/Parcel #0009B & Map #03, Block #0004, Lot/Parcel #00009).

- The Conservation Commission reviewed this application and made the following observations:
 - 4 story buildings are too tall and don't fit in with the surroundings.

- There is no designated snow removal spot.
- Not enough parking to handle residents, commercial public and Linear Park guests.
- Traffic will be greatly increased and causes some issues with wildlife.
- The overall site plan is too dense with buildings, parking and landscaping.

Discussions ensued on water runoff into the Hockanum River and the displacement of wildlife in and around the property.

Chairman Ryan Goad emailed the Commission a draft letter with concerns which will be presented to the PZC.

Commissioner Jim Simon read into record a draft paragraph on his concerns after reviewing the site plans.

Commissioner Jim Simon made a motion to have Chairman Ryan Goad re draft a letter to include Commissioner Simon's suggestions and present it to the PZC. Chairman Ryan Goad seconded the motion and the motion passed.

B. Natural Resources Update

Nothing new to report

C. Solar power siting

None

D. Future Activities

None

5. Other Goals

Think about a nomination for the Aquarion Conference.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Richard Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jim Simon seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Audrey Lanz
Recording Secretary